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REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 13, 17, 18 and 24-60 are cancelled; claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10-12, 14, 15 and 23 are amended; and claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10-12, 14-16 and 19-23 are pending in the application.

Claims 16 and 19-23 are allowed. Actually, the Examiner indicates in the Office Action Summary of the March 14, 2005 Office Action that claims 16 and 19-23 are objected to. However, the Examiner later indicates on page 5 of the Office Action that claims 16 and 19-23 are allowable over the art of record. Applicant can find no reason for which claims 16 and 19-23 would be objected to, and accordingly believes that the indication in the Office Action Summary of such claims as being objected to is a typographical error, and that the claims actually should have been listed as being allowed.

Claims 2-4 are objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated to be otherwise allowable. Claims 2-4 have been amended to place the claims in independent form, and Applicant therefore requests formal allowance of claims 2-4 in the Examiner's next action.

Claims 7, 8, 10-12, 14 and 15 are amended so that the claims now depend from claim 4. Accordingly, claims 7, 8, 10-12, 14 and 15 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons for which claim 4 is allowable.

Claims 16 and 19-23 are allowed; and claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10-12, 14 and 15 are believed to be in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above. Applicant

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therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner's next action be a Notice of Allowance formally allowing pending claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10-12, 14-16 and 19-23.

Respectfully submitted,

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